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e. Approximately 25 horse-drawn carts.

4. On about 15 July 1953, informant observed a large number of horses and mules gathered in Madan. The inhabitants complained that the Army had forced them to sell their best animals and carts. These had not been returned by 9 September.

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5. On about 15 July 1953, the 1924-1929 recruit classes were called up in the Kurdzhali area. The men had not been released by 9 September 1953.
6. About 30 August 1953, Soviet technicians and their families were recalled from Madan.
7. The 1930, 1931, 1932, and part of the 1933, and 1934 recruit classes are now serving. The 1935 and 1936 classes have received their physical exams.
8.  a former merchant from the Ardino area who had been released in the summer of 1953 from a life sentence in the Sliven prison. 250 other prisoners serving various sentences were also released. The merchant stated that death sentences had been commuted and many prison sentences had been nullified.

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